

High-Performance Buildings Advisory Committee

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House Bill 2

2008 Regular Session

Beginning July 1, 2009, all construction or renovation of public buildings for which 50% or more of the total capital cost is paid by the Commonwealth *shall be designed and constructed, or renovated, to meet ... high-performance building standards...*

All building leases entered into by the Commonwealth after July 1, 2018, shall meet the high-performance building standards ... and prior to July 1, 2018, a building that meets the high-performance building standards shall be given a preference in the state leasing process.

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HB 2 defines a "High-performance building" as a public building that is designed, constructed, and capable of being operated in a manner that:

- (a) Increases environmental performance and economic value over time;
- (b) Safeguards the health of occupants;
- (c) Enhances satisfaction and productivity of workers through energy-efficient systems;
- (d) Incorporates environmentally friendly materials and products; and
- (e) Reduces waste.

HB 2 defines "High-performance building standards" as a set of standards developed by the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

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- Makes recommendations to the Finance Cabinet about standards, benchmarks and guidelines including Energy Star, Green Globes and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).
- Consults with architects, engineers, builders, energy and conservation organizations and others to make recommendations to the Finance Cabinet.

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- Assists the Finance and Administration Cabinet in conducting an ongoing professional development program for state and local building designers, construction companies, school districts, building managers, and the general public on high-performance building design, construction, maintenance, and operation.

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- Assists the Finance Cabinet in developing the criteria for encouraging the use of:
 - (a) Locally grown lumber from forest lands implementing sustainable practices established by the American Tree Farm System's Sustainable Forest Initiative or the Kentucky Forest Stewardship Program established under KRS 149.330 to 149.355;
 - (b) Building materials manufactured with recycled content within the Commonwealth; and
 - (c) Renewable energy sources.